

### Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Assam

3716. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of districts still without any Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Assam; and

(b) the measures being taken by the Government to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendras in all the remaining districts of the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) There are 18 districts in Assam without any Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) which are: (i) Barpeta, (ii) Darang, (iii) Dibrugarh, (iv) Dhubri, (v) Goalpara, (vi) Jorhat, (vii) Kamrup, (viii) Karbi Anglong, (ix) Karimganj, (x) Nagaon, (xi) Lakhimpur, (xii) North Cachar, (xiii) Nalbari, (xiv) Dhemaji, (xv) Marigaon, (xvi) Hailakandi, (xvii) Bongaigaon, (xviii) Sibsagar.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have taken up various alternative approaches with the Planning Commission for establishment of more KVKs in the country including Assam.

### National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Areas

3717. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States where the National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Areas have been implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of areas where such projects have been implemented during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the achievements made under these projects so far during the said period in each State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). During the Eighth Five Year Plan, the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA) is under implementation in 25 States and 2 Union Territories and covers an area of 45.84 lakh hectares.

The State-wise details in terms of area and number of watersheds are in Statement-I.

(c) Under this project soil and moisture conservation measures and diversified farming systems for improving the production are taken up both on arable and non-arable lands. Treatment of natural drainage lines and livestock development are other important components of the project. The major activities taken up are contour

vegetative hedges, gully control, agro-forestry, dryland horticulture, pasture development and sunken dugout structures.

State-wise utilisation of funds vis-a-vis the allocation and release of funds since inception of the project in 1990-91 till date is given in Statement-II.

### STATEMENT-I

*Giving the names of the States/Union Territory with areas covered under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas during VIII Plan.*

S.No.	State/U.T.	Area covered (in ha.) under the Micro-Watershed Projects	Number of Micro-Watershed Projects taken up.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	191949	94
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1970	3
3.	Assam	104973	110
4.	Bihar	98978	191
5.	Goa	3808	4
6.	Gujarat	334261	168
7.	Haryana	18725	5
8.	Himachal Pradesh	37240	58
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	22000	44
10.	Karnataka	357607	85
11.	Kerala	88276	114
12.	Madhya Pradesh	749641	385
13.	Maharashtra	917900	266
14.	Manipur	6821	5
15.	Meghalaya	4110	8
16.	Mizoram	17666	20
17.	Nagaland	14125	28
18.	Orissa	388875	258
19.	Punjab	19270	13
20.	Rajasthan	533939	204
21.	Sikkim	7031	12
22.	Tamil Nadu	176390	88
23.	Tripura	7634	17
24.	Uttar Pradesh	327716	202
25.	West Bengal	150000	165
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	692	3
27.	Andaman and Nicobar	2669	4
Total		4584266	2554

**STATEMENT-II**

*Giving the achievements in respect of funds allocated, released and utilised statewide under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA) :*

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	(Rs. in lakhs)		
		Allocation during 1990-91 and VIII Plan	Total Amount released from 1990-91 to 1996-97 (Nov. 96)	Total funds utilised from 1990-91 to 1996-97 (Nov. 96)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9207.970	4944.647	4593.989
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	133.000	146.000	62.824
3.	Assam	2843.000	2378.387	1081.727
4.	Bihar	6452.400	1738.433	292.450
5.	Goa	140.200	73.933	10.728
6.	Gujarat	9796.235	5728.677	4990.240
7.	Haryana	1904.686	460.338	436.807
8.	Himachal Pradesh	659.130	1039.530	838.440
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	559.000	464.112	388.944
10.	Karnataka	11982.750	9293.384	8815.452
11.	Kerala	2454.000	2293.900	2000.000
12.	Madhya Pradesh	21539.992	10695.212	10019.773
13.	Maharashtra	21402.975	15330.098	14548.810
14.	Manipur	101.000	251.900	248.900
15.	Meghalaya	186.000	218.550	94.380
16.	Mizoram	80.000	811.670	791.580
17.	Nagaland	175.000	623.900	618.900
18.	Orissa	6415.617	6507.712	6065.750
19.	Punjab	755.367	495.660	429.230
20.	Rajasthan	15996.220	14437.300	12484.117
21.	Sikkim	191.000	338.910	328.820
22.	Tamil Nadu	4196.440	3631.649	3245.822
23.	Tripura	291.000	242.800	234.763
24.	Uttar Pradesh	9805.620	9015.497	8387.810
25.	West Bengal	4484.000	2461.975	1598.856
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	32.000	12.315	2.604
27.	Andaman & Nicobar	30.000	112.000	59.260
Total		131801.602	93748.490	82670.981

**Jobs for Muslims**

6718. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present estimated muslims in the public employment under the Central Government category-wise;

(b) whether representation for including the Muslim Community as a whole in the Other Backward Classes list has been received; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Since recruitments are not made on the basis of religion, no data relating to recruitment, religion-wise is maintained.

(b) and (c). Some representations have been received by National Commission for Backward Classes from some organisations of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa and Tripura for inclusion of Muslim community as a whole in the other Backward Classes list. No recommendation to this effect has been made by the National Commission for Backward Classes till date. However, some sections of minorities including Muslims which have been included in the other Backward Classes list are eligible to take advantages of reservation provisions in the Civil Services and Posts under Govt. of India.

**Forest Land**

3719. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that industries are making their entry into the forest sector through the backdoor in Madhya Pradesh and about 2,500 hectares of forest land with density of less than 40 per cent has been given to the Raja Van Vikas Nigam Limited for the commercial plantations;

(b) whether the State Government had not sought the permission of the Central Government for contacting out forest lands and violates the Forest Act, 1980;

(c) whether the Central Government have sought any report from the State in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Permission has not been granted by the Central Government for contracting out forest lands under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Ministry has called for a report from the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The report has been received recently and is being examined.

**Teak Wood Trees**

3720. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the illegal cutting of teak wood trees is going on in the Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh in connivance with the officers of Forest Department who are collecting money illegally;